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In re Application of:
Carolyn M. Ylitalo, Mario A. Perez,
Edward G. Stewart, and Patrick D. Hyde
Serial No.: 09/114,027
Filed: July 10, 1998
For: **TACKIFIED THERMOPLASTIC-EPOXY
PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment follows the Official Action dated March 23, 2001.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

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In the Claims

1. (Once Amended) A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising:
- a) 75 to 99.9 weight percent of a tackified thermoplastic polymer component comprising
 - 1) 1-99 weight percent of a thermoplastic polymer having substantially no epoxy-binding functions or ester functions, and

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